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13 November 1952

Mr. Richard B. Marriott
Head, BBC Monitoring Service
Caversham Park
Reading, England

Dear Mr. Marriott:

On receipt of your letter of 6 November 1952 I arranged accommodations for you at one of Washington's better hotels, the Wardman Park. In line with your desires I engaged one of the more modest rooms, which will cost $7 a day. Admittedly this is high, but so is everything in Washington. Being at the Wardman Park will have the advantage of being situated where I can pick you up in the morning and take you home at night at considerable saving of taxi fare. I defy anyone strange to Washington to find their way about on the buses. Certainly I never learned to find my way around in London in any other way than in a taxi. The least expensive room at a less desirable hotel would cost $5 and in view of the other advantages I thought you would prefer the Wardman Park.

I am planning a reception for you on the 30th of November in the evening. I wanted you to have an opportunity to meet some of our people socially before we get tied up in visiting and talks. If you can arrange to arrive in Washington on 30 November early in the day, I will be most pleased to meet you at the airport or railroad station and take you to your hotel. Perhaps you could drop me a wire from New York giving me you mode of travel and expected time of arrival.

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Sincerely,

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